

FACSIMILE BIDS ARE ACCEPTABLE

BIDS SHALL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AT 2:00 PM., PREVAILING ST. LOUIS, MO TIME, ON August 22, 2000
ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE AWARD CONCERNING THESE SPECIFICATIONS CALL Gina M. Reece ON (314) 241-0349, Ext. 17. NO COLLECT CALLS, OR E-MAIL greece@gpo.gov.

SPECIFICATIONS

U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO)
Old Post Office Building, Room 328
815 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

FACSIMILE BIDS: Facsimile bids are permitted.

(a) Definition. "Facsimile bid," as used in this solicitation, means a bid, modification of a bid, or withdrawal of a bid that is transmitted to and received by the Government via electronic equipment that communicates and reproduces both printed and handwritten material.

(b) Bidders may submit facsimile bids as responses to this solicitation. These responses must arrive at the place and by the time specified in the solicitation.

(c) Facsimile bids that fail to furnish required representations or information or that reject any of the terms, conditions, and provisions of the solicitation will be excluded from consideration.

(d) Facsimile bids must contain the required signatures.

(e) The Government reserves the right to make award solely on the facsimile bid. However, bidders agree to promptly submit the complete original signed bid.

(f) Submit facsimile bid to FAX No. (314) 241-4154, one bid per facsimile.

(g) If the bidder chooses to transmit a facsimile bid, the Government will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the facsimile bid including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Receipt of garbled or incomplete bid.
- (2) Availability or condition of the receiving facsimile equipment.
- (3) Incompatibility between the sending and receiving equipment.
- (4) Delay in transmission or receipt of bid.
- (5) Failure of the bidder to properly identify the bid.
- (6) Illegibility of bid.
- (7) Security of bid data.

GPO CONTRACT TERMS: Any contract which results from this Invitation for Bid will be subject to the applicable provisions, clauses, and supplemental specifications of GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 5-99)) and GPO Contract Terms, Quality Assurance Through Attributes Program for Printing and Binding (GPO Publication 310.1, effective May 1979 (revised April 1996)).

NOTE: Printing specifications will utilize dual dimensions. The product measurements will be stated with metric dimensions first, then followed in parenthesis by the inch/pound equivalent. At a future date, metric measurements will be used exclusively in all specifications.

PRODUCT: Four Color Process Plastic Litterbag

TITLE: Smokey Bear Litterbags

QUANTITY: 750,050 Litterbags + Not to exceed 25,000 – None.

TRIM SIZE: 305 x 356 mm (12 x 14”).

GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH:

Prior sample. Complete set of film negatives.

Identification markings such as register marks, ring folios, rubber stamped jacket numbers, commercial identification marks of any kind, etc., except GPO imprint, form number, and revision date, carried on copy or film, must not print on finished product.

Contractor to pick up sample and Purchase order from the U.S. Government Printing Office, 815 Olive Street, Room 328, St. Louis, MO 63101. Furnished material to be picked up from previous printer.

CONTRACTOR TO FURNISH: All materials and operations, other than those listed under "Government to Furnish," necessary to produce the product(s) in accordance with these specifications.

QUALITY ASSURANCE LEVELS AND STANDARDS: The following levels and standards shall apply to these specifications:

Product Quality Levels:

- (a) Printing (bag related) Attributes -- Level III.
- (b) Finishing (item related) Attributes -- Level III.

Inspection Levels (from ANSI/ASQC Z1.4):

- (a) Non-destructive Tests - General Inspection Level I.
- (b) Destructive Tests - Special Inspection Level S-2.

Specified Standards: The specified standards for the attributes requiring the shall be:

Attribute	Specified Standard
P-7 Type Quality and Uniformity	Film negatives
P-10 Process Color Match	Government furnished sample.

STOCK: 2-3 Mil full Gauge White 50% Recycled Polyethylene with 50% Virgin.

Recycled products will be used wherever possible. All material must be environmentally safe.

Contractor **MUST** state origin (where material was produced) of poly used for this job on carton label.

PRINTING:

Clear, sharp screen printing in 4-color process ink, plus one Pantone color. Printing must withstand a "Scotch Tape Test". Press a strip of "Scotch" tape firmly on the printed area and remove. There should be no transfer of the printed area to the tape.

Prints four color process, and *Brown Pantone 470, head to head (after construction). Image area, face and back: approximately: 254 x 264 mm (10x 13-3/8).

INK: Four color process inks, plus one *Pantone color. Inks **MUST** be lead free, and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved.

*Contractor may use 4-color process build to achieve required Pantone colors.

MARGINS: Approximately, head: 44 mm (1-3/4"); center left and right. Follow sample.

CONSTRUCTION: Single wall construction with front and back joined at left and right sides by head seal or side weld. Handle area to be reinforced. Bags have 102 mm (4"), bottom gusset and 610 mm (24") poly drawtape at top. See furnished sample.

LABELING AND MARKING:

(Package and/or Container label): Reproduce shipping container label from furnished repro, fill in appropriate blanks and attach to shipping containers.

Contractor must state origin (where material was produced) of material used on identifying label.

Label each re-mailable box with: "Title, Jacket Number 557-672, "NFES #93008" and Quantity".

PACKING: Box in re-mailable boxes, 500 per box.

PALLETS: Contractor will be required to furnish pallets for bulk shipments in shipping containers when the containers fill 2 layers or more on the pallet. Except for size, pallets **MUST** conform with Federal Specifications NN-P-71c, dated September 10, 1973 and any amendments thereto, as follows:

Type III (4-way (partial), flush, assembled, nonreversible). Size L 48 x W40", Full entry must be on the 40" width. Group II (medium density wood) or Group III (high density wood), at contractor's option.

Fasten with straps over edge protectors when the containers fill more than 1 layer on the pallet. Pallets shall be suitably packed so as to insure acceptance and safe delivery by common carriers to the point of delivery. Maximum height (including pallet) 47". Pack flush to corners, no overhang permitted at any edge. Voids **MUST** be to the interior of the pallet. Pack with care. Loaded pallets may be stored 4 high at destination.

All containers on pallets must be secured to prevent containers from shifting when pallets are hoisted to a high shelving area.

DISTRIBUTION: Deliver 750,050 Bags f.o.b. Destination on or before September 22, 2000 to: USDA, Forest Service, MIFC, 402 11th St., S.E., Grand Rapids, MN 55744. Delivery accepted Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 3 PM.

NOTE: Trucker must notify MIFC, PH: (218) 327-4578; 24 hours in advance of delivery.

Deliver 50 bags to: U.S. Government Printing Office, Regional Printing Procurement Office, Room 328, 815 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO 63101. Mark for Quality Assurance Samples, Attn: Gina M. Reece.

Contractor to furnish GFM, and two new sample bags via traceable means, return receipt to: USDA-Forest Service, Attn: Jim LeBlanc, 8901 Grand Avenue Place, Duluth MN 55808-1102.

Contractor to store a complete set of films, 2 sample sets and specifications, marked "Films, copy, specs and samples, Jacket 557-672 for a period 12 months. The contractor will ship this stored material to GPO, upon request any time during the 12 months, if no request is received, ship the material to GPO, properly identified, immediately after the 12 month period.

SCHEDULE:

Furnished material will be available for pick up by the contractor no later than August 24, 2000

Deliver 750,050 bags f.o.b. destination on or before September 22, 2000.

OFFERS: Offers must include the cost of all materials and operations for the total quantity ordered in accordance with these specifications. In addition, a price must be submitted for each additional 1,000 bags. The price for additional quantities must be based-on a continuing run, exclusive of all basic or preliminary charges and will not be a factor for determination of award.

Submit written bids to: U.S. Government Printing Office, Regional Printing Procurement Office, Room 328, 815 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO 63101, by 2:00 p.m., August 22, 2000.

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Total Offer for 750,050 bags\$ _____

Each additional 1,000 Bags\$ _____

Discounts are offered for payment as follows:_____ percent,_____ calendar days. See Article 9 "Discounts" of Solicitation Provisions in GPO Contract Terms (Pub. 310.2).

BIDDERS NAME AND SIGNATURE: Fill out and return two copies of this page (page 6 of 6) sign in the space provided, below.

Bidder _____

(City - State)

Shipments will be made from: City _____, State _____

By _____
(Signature and title of person authorized to sign this bid) (Date)

(Person to be contacted)

(Telephone Number)

(Contractor's Code No.)